Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Act entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Court of the United States," approved September 24, 1789, directed the appointment of United States Marshals and launched the United States Marshals Service; and,

Whereas, The Judiciary Act of 1789 determined law enforcement would be the primary function of the United States Marshals, and President George Washington subsequently appointed the first 13 United States Marshals that same year; and,

Whereas, During 220 years of service, United States Marshals conduct their mission of fugitive apprehension with skill and valor, having arrested more than 110,000 wanted felons and conducted over 700 extraditions to date during Fiscal Year 2009; and,

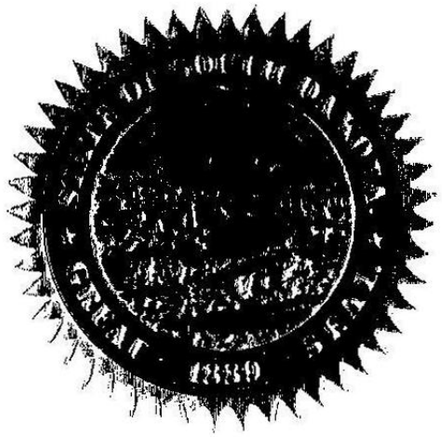
Whereas, We honor the memory and sacrifice of over 240 U.S. Marshals, Deputy Marshals, Special Deputy Marshals, and Marshals guards who have given their lives in service to our nation; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota wish to recognize, honor, and show appreciation to the men and women of the United States Marshals Service who have served the nation and the state valiantly with dedication to justice, integrity, and service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2009, as

U.S. MARSHALS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State